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METHODS OF TREATING

WATER USING COMBINATIONS

OF CHLORINE DIOXIDE, CHLORINE AND AMMONIA

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and reexamine the pending claims in light of the remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 15, line 18, with the following:

In this case, as shown in Figure 7 chlorine dioxide and/or chloramine may be added at the entrance to the finished water storage 134 as shown by arrow 196. Since the finished water typically has low chlorine dioxide demand, and the retention time in the finished water storage 134 is typically long, a relatively low dose of chlorine dioxide in the finished water may provide adequate CxT for primary disinfection, even if the monochloramine remaining from injection in the raw water is not adequate. Monochloramine injected into the finished water storage will mostly be carried on as a residual in the distribution system.